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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Military Manpower Reductions

1. During a visit to NSA on Monday I was advised of a House Appropriations Committee Staff effort to investigate military manpower usage by Defense agencies.

2. This apparently stems from Senate consideration of a major military manpower reduction--in the neighborhood of 175,000. As a result the Services have been complaining loudly about providing manpower to Defense agencies for other than strictly military purposes, which are sacrosanct insofar as across-the-board military manpower reductions are concerned. Thus, their arguments that Congress is not aware of the full implications of manpower reductions.

3. The House Appropriations Committee Staff, in anticipation that some Senate imposed military manpower reduction is likely to result, has picked up this theme and is looking at the problem for possible reduction candidates. This has not been confirmed directly with the Staff as yet. But if this is in fact the case, it could cause some problems.

4. We will confirm and keep you advised.

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Jack,

The Director will be expected to appear before the House Appropriations Committee on 9 October. The question of manpower is likely to be raised, particularly by Whitten. It may be of interest to you, and possibly to others in CIA, that the attached review by Senate staff seems to be taking place. Such a review would impact largely on NSA and DIA, but to a lesser extent also on CIA -- including, presumably in a minor way, the IC Staff.



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